

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 7, 2007. Claims 1-7 and 14 are pending in the application. By the present amendment, claims 1 and 3 have been amended. New claim 14 has been added. No new matter has been added by these amendments. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection in view of the amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Drawings:

Applicant submits herewith proposed drawing corrections in accordance with the Examiner's objection. Specifically, arrows indicating the direction of data through the respective circuits have been added. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the drawing objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,923,665 to Sun et al. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Sun et al. discloses a process for controlling an audio/video digital decoder comprising the following steps of continuous acquisition of a digital audio/video stream, the digital video stream being composed of a plurality of ordered sequences. A thorough review of the teachings of Sun et al. fails to disclose or suggest a request for displaying partial images, as originally claimed in the present invention. Figure 1b of Sun et al discloses a request for displaying image 141 and then a request for displaying image 142. As a consequence of the tearing where the display frame is overwritten by the decoded frame, a partial display of image 141 and a partial display of image 142 are displayed.

Furthermore, Sun et al. fails to disclose, or remotely suggest the steps of:
receiving a request for displaying only part of the images of the first sequence of the plurality of sequences, and not displaying the images for the other sequences of the plurality of sequences;

responsive to the request, generating a video signal based on only part of the images of the first sequence of the plurality of sequences;

video decoding of all the images of said plurality of sequences; and

decoding the digital audio stream into an audio stream in synchronism with the video decoding.

Thus, the teachings of Sun et al. fail to support the anticipation rejection as asserted herein.

As indicated in Sun et al, Col. 3, lines 1-4, the partial display of 141 and 142 is not the consequence of a request (contrary to the Examiner's assertion) and is clearly a consequence of tearing. Thus, Sun et al teaches away from the concept of displaying of only part of the image on request. Sun et al. further discloses displaying all images if possible, and not displaying some images in order to avoid tearing. The selection of images that are not displayed is performed according to the algorithm illustrated in Sun et al's Figure 5. The decoder is not explicitly requested to display only a part of the images. Moreover, if all the images can be displayed (i.e., if the problem of tearing does not occur), they are all displayed. In view of these teachings, Sun et al. fails disclose, and suggest these principles of the present invention, and therefore cannot anticipate, nor render obvious the claims as herein presented.

In Sun et al., a part of the images of each sequence is displayed. It does not allow for displaying only part of the images of the first sequence of the plurality of sequences, and not displaying the images of the other sequences of the plurality of sequences. Thus, in view of the foregoing, claim 1 is clearly patentably distinct from Sun et al.

New claim 14 is presented for consideration and entry into the application. New claim 14 is for the process of the invention and is also believed to be patentably distinct from the teachings of Sun et al. In the description of Sun et al., as it relates to Figure 5, the selection of the image that is not played is based on memory management, thus indicating that any image type may not be played. Furthermore, as mentioned above, Sun et al. does not disclose or suggest the idea of receiving a request for displaying only part of the image...

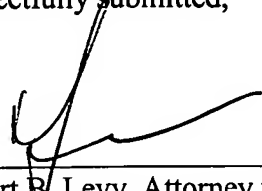
In view of the above Amendments, it is respectfully believed that pending claims 1-7 and 14 are

in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and early allowance on the merits is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

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